

Agency Fact Sheet – Vocational Rehabilitation
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Vocational Rehabilitation:

What is Vocational Rehabilitation (VR)?

Vocational Rehabilitation is administered in Arizona by the Department of Economic Security's Rehabilitation Services Administration. The primary objective of vocational rehabilitation services is employment. Typically, a student should start the eligibility process a year prior to graduation. If the student will require long-term supports (ESS), the eligibility process should start within 2 years prior to graduation due to an extensive waiting list. To begin the eligibility process, both the student and his/her parent should make an appointment with the V.R. office in their community. The typical sequence of service delivery for V.R. includes:

- Evaluation
- Employment
- Plan development
- Exit from services
- Service provision

Who is eligible to receive services?

Eligibility determination involves a two-part process and must be decided by VR within 60 days of application:

- The person must have a documented disability that is a barrier to employment, and
- S/he must require VR services to overcome the barrier and achieve an employment outcome

How is eligibility determined?

Information for determining eligibility may be gathered from the following sources:

- Individual and/or family members
- Individual's physician
- Educational agencies
- Social security
- Testing data from school psychologists

What types of services can VR provide?

Examples of possible supports available from VR include:

- Job development and coaching
- Vocational evaluations
- Purchase of uniforms, tools, bus passes, work boots, costs associated with vocational modifications or adaptations, etc.
- Long-term vocational services through Extended Support Services (ESS)
- Assistance with tuition for vocational training programs, community college, university programs, etc.